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## ***City applies for EPA grants to fund brownfield redevelopment***

**INDIANAPOLIS** – The City of Indianapolis has applied for \$1.8 million in grants from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to fund the assessment, clean up and redevelopment of Indianapolis area brownfield sites.

If the city's initial application is accepted, a final proposal will be submitted in March 2003. In a continued effort to involve the public in the brownfield redevelopment process, the city also will organize a community meeting next spring.

"Securing additional grant dollars will allow the city to build upon existing efforts geared toward brownfield redevelopment," said Maury Plambeck, director of the Department of Metropolitan Development. "Cleaning up these blighted, environmentally challenged sites will make way for development that will benefit our neighborhoods."

The city is requesting funds from the following EPA grant programs:

- **Assessment grants**, which would provide funding for the city to inventory, characterize and assess brownfield sites, as well as conduct planning and organize community meetings;
- **Revolving Loan Fund Grants**, which would support the city's existing grant program that targets small projects initiated by both non-profit organizations and private entities;
- **Cleanup Grants**, which would be utilized for cleanup activities at brownfield sites, such as abandoned gas stations or old industrial sites.

In July 2002, the city secured a \$100,000 pilot grant from the EPA to help redevelop four abandoned gas stations located in the Fall Creek Place and Mapleton-Fall Creek neighborhoods.

In April 2002, Mayor Peterson launched a new brownfield grant program, providing \$300,000 to aid community organizations in financing the redevelopment of brownfield sites. The program marks the first time that city dollars have been specifically earmarked for brownfield redevelopment.

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